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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NONALIGNED SUMMIT -- KOREA AND

PUERTO RICO--QATARI VIEWS

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1. ON AUG 15 ON OCCASION OF MY RETURN FROM LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS IN U.S., I CALLED ON QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, WHO PRESENTLY ALSO ACTING RULER IN ABSENCE OF AMIR WHO VACATIONING IN FRANCE. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON NUMBER OF SUBJECTS (SEPTELS), I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW U.S. POSITIONS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO IN CONTEXT OF COLOMBO SUMMIT AND FORTHCOMING UNGA. I INFORMED SUHAYM THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS REPEATED REQUESTS, THESE ISSUES HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED BY DEPT OFFICERS WITH QATARI CHARGE IN WASHINGTON. (STATE REFTEL).

2. SUHAYM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT DEPT HAD CALLED IN QATARI REP, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE HAD HAD ANY PREVIOUS REPORT ON CONVERSATION. SUHAYM SIAD HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH  
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U.S. VIEWS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS.

HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ARAB DELS AT COLOMBO HAD A FULL PLATE WITH THEIR OWN ISSUES, SUCH AS SAHARA AND PALESTINE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT QATARI DELEGATION, WHICH HAD DEPARTED FOR SRI LANKA THIS MORNING HAD BEEN BRIEFED AND WISHED TO BE COOPERATIVE.

3. COMMENT: WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE OUR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED VIEW THAT GOQ UNLIKELY TO DEVIATE FROM ITS USUAL PASSIVE PERFORMANCE, SHELTERING IN ARAB BLOC CONSENSUS ON KOREA, PUERTO RICO AND OTHER ISSUES. FACT THAT NEITHER AMIR NOR FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ATTEND FURTHER DIMINISHES POSSIBILITY THAT QATARIS WOULD TAKE ANY INITIATIVES AND INDICATES GOQ ATTENDANCE IS MOSTLY PRO FORMA.

4. COMMENT CONTINUED: QATARI DELEGATION BEING HEADED BY SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL TANI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLUUM AND AMIR'S SON. NEXT SENIOR MEMBER IS GOQ'S UN PERMREP JASIM JAMAL WHO, AS USUN AWARE, HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO US. ALTHOUGH ABDUL AZIZ IS NOT UNFAMILIAR WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES--HE REPRESENTS GOQ IN OPEC--THIS IS ONE OF HIS FIRST FORAYS IN DIPLOMATIC AREA. ABDUL AZIZ IS US DUCATED, AND GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS U.S. WE WERE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO SEE HIM BEFOE HIS DEPARTURE, SO IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO APPROACH HIM ON SCENE FOR BRIEFING ON U.S. POSITIONS. A WORD OF CAUTION IN THIS REGARD--ABDUL AZIZ IS SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS RANK (AS IS JAMAL), AND FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN NEGLECTED BY SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS DURING VISITS TO WASHINGTON. THEREFORE, IF APPROACH TO ABDUL AZIZ IS MADE, IT SHOULD BE DONE BY SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL OR NOT AT ALL. WOULD APPRECIATE COLOMBO'S REPORTING ANY CONTACT MADE WITH QATARI DEL.  
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